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Business on MONDAY, the 26th instant.
By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 22, 1904. 2204

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
In accordance with Government Notifica-
tion No. 855 the EXCHANGE
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A FEW CONTRASTS.

The Yellow Dragon, for December, is as usual full of interesting reading matter. The following comparisons, under the above caption, appear—

Geographically speaking we say 'the East is opposite the West'; and in many cases the customs of the eastern people are quite opposite to those of the Westerns, as the following will show. The comparisons are made between the English and the Chinese, as these two nations are better known to the readers of the Yellow Dragon.

1. The Chinese when beckoning a person to approach move the hand with the fingers downwards; but the English turn the fingers upwards.

2. The Chinese when counting with the finger bend them downwards, whereas the English stretch them out.

3. The place of honour among the Chinese is on the left hand, that of the English, on the right.

4. For mourning the Chinese don white, but the English put on black.

5. The Chinese write from right to left (when not in upright columns); but the English from left to right.

6. Supposing a book to be lying on a table the back of it will be on the right hand among the Chinese, and they begin to read from that end; whereas we always place the book to our left and begin from that end.

7. In writing the date, the Chinese put the year first, then the month and then the day; but the English begin with the day, then the month and then the year.

8. In addressing a letter the Chinese put the country first, then the town or village, then the street with the number; and lastly the name of the person to whom the letter is addressed. The English do exactly the opposite, putting the name of the person first, and the rest in opposite order to the above. (Note.—As a matter of fact the sorters in the General Post Office follow the order that obtains among the Chinese, and the question of altering the order of addresses was once mooted in the 'Daily Mail', but it being as difficult a matter to change the custom in England as it is in China, nothing came of it.)

9. The needle in the Chinese compass is reckoned as pointing towards the South, and not towards the North as ours does.

10. In speaking of the four cardinal points the Chinese follow this order.—E, W, S, N.; but we say N, S, E, W.; and for the intermediate points they say East-north, East-south, West-north and West-south.

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HONGKONG SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1904.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

It is good at times to narrow our

horizon. In addition to the varied

burdens that press upon every one of

us in daily life, we have each too many

interests that we have voluntarily

undertaken as so many additional loads

laid on willing beasts of burden. No

man is content with his business

anxieties, his domestic cares, and the

stress of his personal environment, or

able for the sake of personal tran-

quillity, to let the river of humanity

slide past him. We all worry ourselves

unnecessarily about questions of policy,

local, national or international, and

cannot turn return to the old-fashioned

self-centred individualism that con-

duced to longevity, by assimilating

human life to the existence of the cat-

tle that browse contentedly, never inter-

esting themselves in the incidents that

occur on the other side of the fence.

It is no doubt a good thing that we

are not as our fathers were, that we

have invented a brand-new word,

Imperialism, and have a new energy

to concern ourselves with all that occurs

in the world. We know that the

Seven Seas are so many lakes in His

Majesty's dominions, and with the

pride of empire we have acquired a

restless anxiety to know all things and

meddle in everything. The older,

staidier ways were more selfish, but the

world-wide charity of to-day is very

wearing, and we should rejoice at fitting

seasons to be more self-conscious in the

right sense, by concentrating ourselves

more closely on our own home interests.

For the world, this is what Christmas

effects. As a welcome change it dis-

tracts our minds from the worrying

questions of the work-a-day world, the

political arena, the efficiency or in-

efficiency of His Majesty's government,

the war, the advisability of having two

Peak trams or only one, and all the

smoke and stir of this dim spot which

men call earth.

Christmas-tide brings a rest for the

aged. There is today more distance

between the old and the young than

between the inhabitants of two different

countries. Some of us are becoming a

little weary of the progress of the

world. This will certainly be disputed,

but the fact that the statement is con-

tradicted proves its truth, the con-

tradiction being an impatient protest

from the advancing throng. Older

people do not resent the eager joy of

youth as the world spins on down the

ringing grooves of change, but they no

more envy it than they covet a journey

in a snorting stinking automobile rais-

ing the dust of the placid old world in

ineffectual amusements that men who

can be fools in one place show a

barring eagerness to be fools in some

other place a hundred miles away

within the two hours. 'I thank you,

no,' says Setex, with old-world courtesy.

'Things have always moved with quite

sufficient rapidity for me. You have

not yet quite robbed me of Christmas.

It will doubtless go, too, but not in my

time.' Peace, then, is the first lesson

of Christmas. Be as strenuous as you

will, but let us rest sometimes, even if

it be only to gather more energy for a

renewed assault on the monsters that

surround us.

But Christmas brings its message to

the younger and more active also. The

song that came upon that midnight

clear did not pause with the proclama-

tion of peace on earth. Good will to men

is a vital part of the announcement.

Every man who strains nerve and sinew

to secure for himself and his loved ones

a surer footing in this increasingly

slippery world of commerce, politics, and

society, has much to gain if he will

pause and listen to the call to respect

the season of Charity, and ask for a

brief space, not 'What can I gain?' but

'What can I give?' All are not placed

in a position where they can make their

labour remunerative; all have not the

capacity to labour. Some there are

who have fallen behind, or whose

infirmities—or even more pitiable, their

faults—have stranded in shoals, or

misted into backwaters of the stream of

life. They deserve our assistance, and

in the cases where they do not deserve

it, they have even a higher claim upon

us, for Mercy is twice blessed; it

blesseth him that gives and him that

takes. The noblest recognition that the

toiler can give to Christmas is to give

of the fruit of his toil to those who can-

not toil, either through inability or

lack of opportunity, without scruti-

nising their claim too narrowly. There is

something of the virtue which Aristotle

styled Magnificence in a lavish bestowal

of goodwill at this season.

To the young belong the last, nay,

rather, the first of the blessings

of the sacred season. The message

of glory is theirs. They are heirs

apparent to the ages. Whatever

the grey old world has won since the

star shone over those blessed fields

twenty centuries ago, whatever things

are true, whatever things are honest,

whatever things are just, whatso-

ever things are pure, whatever things

are lovely, whatever things are worthy

of forgiveness, whatever things are of

good report, if there be any virtue, and

if there be any praise, these things are

due to Christianity, and the birthday of

Christianity is the time for their

manifestation. In many lands this is

the blindest season, when the vegetation

of the new year lies buried in the iron

prison of the frost. With us it is

nearly the most genial of the cycle of

the seasons (though, forsooth, to-day

had a tinge in it of the 'bleak nor'

wind) and, favoured as we are, we

should be, first among peoples to repeat

to our day and vivify by our actions,

the old but ever new message of peace,

to gain happiness by giving it, and

ensure to all others of whatsoever

nationality, that we may have for

ourselves.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The CHINA MAIL will not be published

on Monday, Boxing Day.

The following comment appears in a

paragraph in an English exchange. 'Mr.

Robert Nathan, is a brother of Sir

Matthew Nathan, recently appointed

Governor of Hongkong, who, if Zionist

aspiration in East Africa come to fruition,

will most probably be the first Governor of

the autonomous Jewish colony there.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.**Cricket.**

The cricket match between the Hong-

kong Club and the Combined Services was

postponed until Monday next at 10 a.m.

Band Performance.The fine band of the *First Bismarck* will

give an entertainment in the Theatre Royal

on January 14 in aid of the funds of the

Sailors' and Soldiers' home.

The Yokohama Assault Case.

Mr. S. H. Kuhn, who assaulted Mr. F. S.

Boyes, at Yokohama, recently, causing the

latter to lose his eye, has been sentenced

to major imprisonment for one year and

three months. The accused will appeal.

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Steam-Boat Co., The Yokohama Steam-

Laundry Co., The Po On Steam-Launch Co.,

The Po Hing Co., The Po Chai Steamship Co.,

The Canton Property Investment Co., The

Wing Yuen Steamship Co., China Steam-

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Tientsin Electric Lighting and Traction Co.,

The Hongkong Necropolis Co., The China

Commercial Steamship Co., The Hongkong

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THE CHURCHES.

To-Morrow's Services.

Christmas being a religious festival it is, of course, a time when the Churches put forward a special effort to honour it and to attract large congregations. This is that we find the different local denominations busy to-day decorating the cathedrals and churches for to-morrow's services. At St. John's Cathedral the interior has been made to look extremely pleasing by the liberal use of greenery and pot plants, and worshippers to-morrow will find that the building has been made to wear an appearance in keeping with the festive season. The services will be as usual. Holy Communion will be celebrated 7.30 a.m., 11 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 6.30 p.m. At the Roman Catholic Cathedral the usual services will take place during the day, and at midnight solemn High Mass will be celebrated. The Cathedral has been decorated in blue and white, the whole being surrounded with a golden crown, while one of the side altars has been made to represent the finding of the Divine Child in the manger at Bethlehem.

The first service of the day at St. Peter's Church will be Morning Prayer at 11 a.m., and the evening service will be at the usual hour. Christmas services at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai, will be at 7.15 a.m. and 6 p.m. At the Union Church, also services will be as usual.

As the Church services on Sunday will be longer than usual the Sunday lecture at the Y.M.C.A. has been abandoned. The members of the Y.M.C.A. will make a picnic excursion to Lantau Peak on Monday.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR CANTON.

A Franco-Chinese Institution.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 21. It would appear as if Canton is soon to be put into possession of another large, roomy, and well equipped hospital. There will then be three under the direction of foreigners, and, in addition, an extensive block of buildings under the absolute control of the Chinese, who, if rumour be reliable, have combined some aspects of Western healing with their own effete system.

This new hospital owes its existence to the munificence of the French gentleman, Mr. P. Coumer, who, I believe, was at one time Governor of Annam. He was greatly interested in the welfare of the Chinese, and felt great sympathy for the poorer classes when they were overtaken by sickness. Then, as everybody knows, they are practically helpless. He, therefore, exerted himself, gave very liberally, enlisted the sympathy of the French government, and carried with him many of the wealthy Chinese, and the fruit of all this is the splendid block of buildings, now nearly finished, and soon to be opened.

The hospital is capably situated, for though built near Ng Sin Mun, and therefore, in a comparatively poor part of Canton, it is finely situated on the river bank, and stands in extensive grounds of its own. The new building, built of red bricks and floored with European tiles, consists of two large wards, built on granite arches, about ten feet from the ground, besides sundry other provisions for students.

Every modern contrivance is in evidence, that nothing may be needed to ensure efficiency, and the operating theatre appears, to the lay mind, to be perfect. As hinted above, the wealthy Chinese have contributed, and, as the name implies, the hospital is international.

From what I can gather, considerable funds have been invested, and, therefore, the healing will be free—except that a detached block is available for the better classes, who will be expected to pay for this privilege. It seems to me of us that it is a mistake policy to dispense free healing at this stage of affairs in Canton now that the initial difficulties have been overcome; for the Chinese are able and willing to pay for the assistance they seek. It is said that Dr. Miss, of Shanghai, has control.

It will, without doubt, be a great boon to the Chinese and will, so to speak, be another nail in the coffin of the antiquated practice in which, up to recently, the Chinese absolutely trusted.

The first became a general beverage among the wealthy in England in the year 1657. At that time it cost about £10 a pound.

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CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

The keeping of Christmas day is not a theology; it is a sentiment. Everywhere it is invested with symbols, glittering, radiant, evergreen-branches, candles shading forth the gleaming light, and blazing gaily-logs. If this statement is correct, and we think it is, when Lowell contrasts sentiment with action, and wrote "every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action," he was overlooking the fact that much "lovely action" springs from sentiment. Whilst, therefore, it is true, that mere sentiment goes for little, a sentiment that develops into activity is a precious possession, either for the individual or the community. At Christmas-tide we are all, more or less, the subjects of sentiment, and in any case sentiment that leads to "lovely action."

Resident, as we are, on the dot in the Eastern seas, removed, as we are, from the heart of Christendom, we live under conditions which render it impossible, on Christmas day, to honour the traditions of our fathers, as perhaps some of us would like. Customs, it is true, change, both with change of situation, and with the march of time. Even at home, things which once added greatly to the enjoyment of the festival, are no longer possible. The lumbering old stage-coach of European guests at the country mansion, lives now only on the walls of the mansion. The thrilling ghost stories which were wont to fascinate the young, and gratify that inherent longing most of us possess, to listen to the mysterious and the unearthly, cannot hold the listeners with bated breath and lead forth the imagination as they once did when Dickens wrote.

But here in China we are debarred from other participations which still hold sway at home. The dark green holly, with its berries of ruby, does not beautifully our drawing-rooms, nor add lustre to the splendour of the Christmas night. The splendid music of the larger churches, to which special attention, in many places, is paid, cannot be ours. The mysterious carol for which when children—and in some matters we are children to the end of life—we waited anxiously, and when the first notes were heard, regardless of mother's warnings and frosty air, rushed breathlessly to the window to behold the wonderful visitants, is not often heard here, and our children are the poorer thereby.

The run home to see the "mater" to which so many hard-worked youths and maidens, in our big cities, to say nothing of the ladies and lassies from the great public schools, look forward, does not fall to our lot here. We have to content ourselves, in this regard, with memories of the past or anticipations of the future.

No glistering snow or fields of ice make for us "seasonable weather" and provide materials, which youngsters avail themselves of for harmless battle, and others the recreation of the skates. These things fall not to the lot of the exile from the ancestral home, the wanderer, who for a few years, makes Hongkong his place of stay. Yet in imagination, that most precious endowment of the soul, we can participate in the joy of our relatives, which we hope some day again to share.

One privilege of the season, much to be prized, prompts us to think of the poor. This "blessed" time that gives and "lends" takes. The old church legend without doubt embodies a great truth. A miserable soul—who sat in his "wretched and bare room, was cold and fretful till a little child came in and begged for the key of his money chest. "So the old man fumbled for a long time, and at last he found the key and he gave it to the young child, who took out a gold piece. But now a miracle happened. For as the little child held up the golden coin, lo! the dull and dingy old room became bright and cheerful, and a quantity of fuel such as had not been in the grate for many a long year kindled into a cheerful blaze.

At home, where the friction of modern commercial life tends, without doubt, to deepen the chasm between the rich and the poor, in a way that must, in the end, be harmful to the nation's life, this season through the kindness of the well-to-do towards their less fortunate fellows, softens the growing hardness that each party seems to feel towards the other, and so helps towards a better mutual understanding.

Christmas time in recent years, as is befitting, has become more and more a children's festival, and much of the joy and excitement of the hour arises from the excitement and happiness of the bairns. Christmas morning still reveals the thoughtfulness of Santa Claus and the breakfast table, no less tangibly, the affection of loving relatives. Even to the children the church is less sombre, for the artistic decorations captivate the attention and stimulate the curiosity, whilst the young mind is puzzled to understand the strange letters of the white texts on the red ground around the walls.

Then, last, but not least, there is the Christmas tree with its wealth of presents, its glitter of light, its dark-green background, around which both old and young gather. What excitement! What merriment! What laughter! It is most and right that the children should joy together at this season of the year, and the English and German, as any one, are determined that this shall be so.

Beautiful branches of pine have been purchased in Wyndham Street for days past, and this evening and to-morrow should see many of them, laden with toys, the very centre of gambling jolly parties. The children have not the opportunity in Hongkong of enjoying themselves like their friends at home, and neither have the adults as far as that is concerned. "Where are you going for Christmas?" is a question that can seldom be answered but in one way here. Delightful railway excursions, or visits to friends, far away in miles but near in point of time, cannot be made. Numbers will no doubt go to Macao, but that is the only convenient spot that can be visited. Other ports are too far away for the ordinary man of business to go to on a holiday, and those who have been used to Christmas jaunts are compelled to forego the pleasure to an extent here.

In the way of sports little is offered this year and the only public entertainment is to be given by the Lilliputians, who revive "The Bells of New York" to-night at the Theatre Royal. The flower sellers in Wyndham Street did a brisk trade this morning, hundreds of people making large and small purchases. Their stock was equal to the occasion and profiting no doubt by the experience of previous years the Chinese had plenty of greenery to set as Christmas bush and bunches of flowers made up in all sorts of artistic shapes.

The Sailors' Home.

The service men in port are to be treated royally at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arden Street, on Monday evening, when a free tea meeting and entertainment will be given them. The Rev. W. Bridle has taken a keen interest in it, and we understand E. H. Excellency the Governor will visit the institution during the evening. Mr. May will also be present, and no doubt tell a few of his interesting Irish stories.

THE SIEGE OF PORT ARTHUR.

An Officer's Narrative.

The Courage of Madame Stocessel.

A Chefoo telegram to the *Nich-nich* states that most of the rivers in the neighbourhood of Port Arthur have now frozen, with the result that the movements of the Japanese troops are much facilitated. A Shanghai telegram, of the 12th inst., to the *Jiji*, reports that a Russian officer, who surrendered to the Japanese troops on the 6th inst., states that General Stocessel frequently inspects the troops in the front line in company with his wife. The General is now rather dispirited, but his wife is constantly encouraging him. The *Manchou* correspondent at Moji has obtained the following statement from an officer who has just returned from Port Arthur:—On the 6th inst., at three o'clock in the afternoon, a Russian staff officer, accompanied by four junior officers, proceeded to a place at the south-eastern foot of 200 metre hill and displayed a white flag. A Japanese staff officer and a few other officers went to receive them, and were asked by the Russians to consent to a conference being held on the 7th, at 3 p.m., midway between the Russian and Japanese advanced lines, south of Suishan. The Japanese consented and the conference was duly held at the appointed place. In the course of this the Russians asked for another short truce in the vicinity of Suishan, and the Japanese refused this request. The Russian refused this request, and the Japanese refused to grant it. Almost all the Russian reserves were killed in the fourth general attack by the Japanese, but there are still about 4,000 available combatants. A portion of the volunteers, consisting of men above sixteen years of age, is used along the front line, the remainder being kept in the rear, together with the Chinese. Being now accustomed to warfare, they do not retreat or hide even under the severest Japanese fire. The garrisons in the batteries are very able and succeed in operating a large number of machine guns by means of very few men, the latter being run from one to another. When they fire upon the shells make a strange sound, like "gong gong," from which we conclude that they are of inferior quality, and that the guns are much worn. On the morning of the 6th, a Russian soldier surrendered to the Japanese on the height south of Twingko. He disarmed himself with tearful eyes, stating that he was a Pole, and that he was one of 3000 of his countrymen who formed part of the garrison at the outset of the war, none of whom had any desire to fight for Russia. Many Chinese go to the Japanese lines to sell the troops' estates, in spite of the danger. Having become accustomed, the Japanese troops are now in very good health and excellent spirits. —*Kobe Herald*.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—On the 24th, at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has risen generally but has fallen at some places in Japan.

The steamer *Yamato* has passed into the Pacific, having made towards the NE. A large anticyclone covers the whole of China with its centre near the Yangtze Valley.

Gradients are rather less steep upon the China Coast and fresh to strong monsoons may be expected in the Formosa Channel and in the China Sea.

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LONDON IN FOG TIME.

A London fog is a beautiful thing, one of the most attractive phenomena that mark the contact of unalloyed Nature with the highest civilisation. Our correspondent on Nov. 18. Our conventional life has the fault of being too obvious. There is no mystery as to the meaning of an object, as to the width of a road, as to the dimensions of a building. The fog changes all that. The delicate lemon-tinted mist, slowly deepening to a deep orange, obscures all outlines and disguises all distances. Romance rules again, and the blatan motor becomes a thing of mystery—a dragon worthy to rank with the Grandel of Beowulf, the earliest of English poems. Crossing a street is embarking on an unknown sea, and even walking along the pavement is penetrating the heart of a mystery. Edifices that are familiar, take-up on themselves new aspects, and startling dimensions, and the City of Triumphant Commonwealth becomes the home of mystery, the city of Dreadful Night. Still the charm holds on us impatient men of today, and six successive days of fog leave the twentieth-century observer satisfied and even irritated. For nearly a week, King Carlos of Portugal has been peering through our fog and trying vainly to show the beauty of the most beautiful city in the world to his charming wife. Yesterday afternoon the fog gradually lifted to show us His Majesty (most enormous of European sovereigns) on his way to inspect the Guildhall. No doubt the procession was insignificant; it was certainly too long, for I was waiting to get across Oxford Street to my office, but it seemed melancholy as it ploughed its way through a London particular, and I reflected with savage gloom that, if they kept me from my food for five minutes, their Majesties had at least six addresses to receive before they could sit down to the *Torricella* and the other luncheon of the Guildhall banquet. The poor respectably clothed but befall the mighty ones of the earth.

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4.—As to the conditions laid regarding the crews of the Russian ships in Shanghai I understand from your despatch between the 11th October and 7th December that they are simply allowed to take exercise within the compound of the ground belonging to the Chinese Eastern Bank near the Chinese Eastern Railway Company and the shore of the river on the Pootung side but they are not allowed to be at large at any other place and when they are permitted to come into the foreign settlements on necessary business they must be limited in number and be under responsible control and they are only to be allowed at fixed hours and that the conditions shall not be violated. The Commissioner of Customs has despatched the river police to keep strict watch upon them so as to avoid any unexpected trouble, etc. However there were actually several cases of drunken and disorderly Russian crews in the foreign settlements and especially there was a case of killing a Chinese yesterday (16th December) and all these are due to your lack of control over them. I am now asking instructions from our Foreign Office by reporting upon the matter. However I wish you to take note of my proposals so as to avoid any more trouble within the Foreign Settlement.

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COAL IN KWANGTUNG.

The Influence of Feng Shui.

At a place named Tai-ling-shan coal is believed to exist. Permission has been asked of, and granted by the officials to open mines there. However, the natives of the place have not readily resisted. All attempts to open the work, lately the *Vienyung* sent a *Yen* named Li Ming Tek, to inquire into the matter on the spot, and report.

It would appear that when he reached the place and he an investigation, the country people gathered to the number of some thousands, holding songs, and letting off cannons, and made a demonstration as noisy and threatening, that Li thought discretion was better part of valour, and retreated.

On his return to Canton he notified the Viceroy, and requested that another official be sent. If coal could be found in sufficient quantities in the province, it would be a great boon to commerce. Probably, Feng Shui is at the bottom of the opposition. Possibly, the people fear that the officials will grab their land and tender no sufficient compensation.

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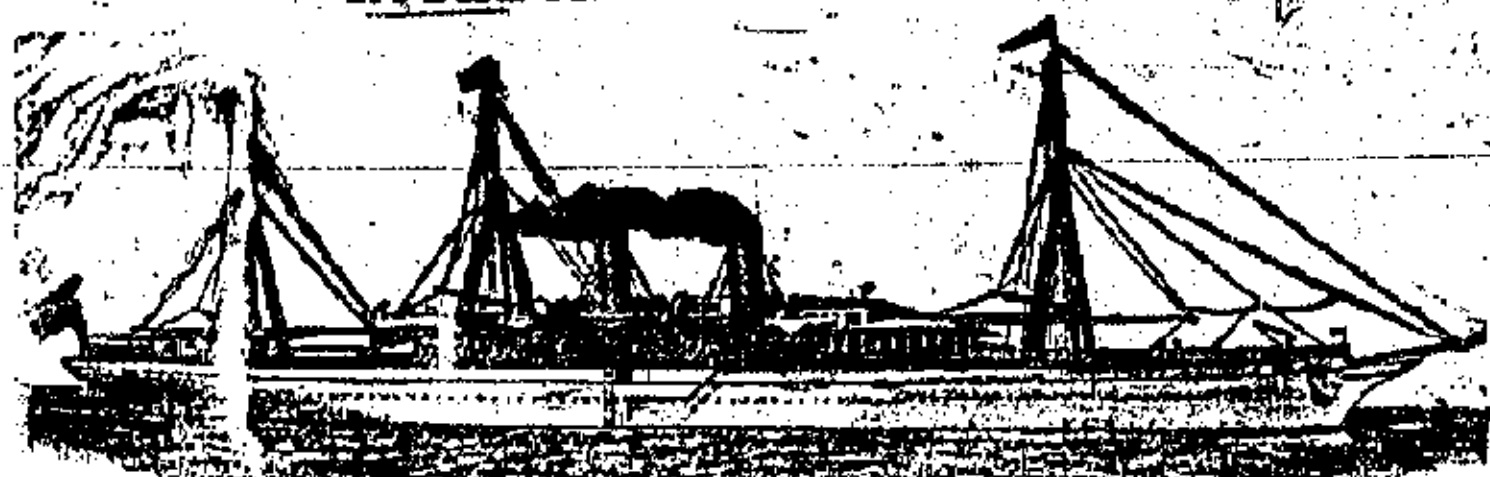
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PORTLAND AND ASIATIC
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STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON
NICOMEDIA	4370	WAGNER	Jan. 9, 1905.
NUMANTIA	4370	BEYMER	Jan. 31, 1905.
ARABIA	4483	BAHLE	Feb. 20, 1905.
ARAGONIA	6186	SCHULTZ	Mar. 12, 1905.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian
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PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
Hongkong, December 22, 1904.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSAI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.	M. STRUVE	SUNDAY, 27th Dec., at Daylight.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW, AND AMOY.	DEYMA	FRIDAY, Dec. 30, at Daylight.
TAMSAI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.	FRITHJOF	SUNDAY, 1st Jan., at Daylight.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.	TRUMPH	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 4, at Daylight.

ON account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new Steamers
have been requisitioned for Transport Service, and the above-named chartered
Steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's Coastal Services.
As soon as the state of Affairs permit the Company will resume running with its special-
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CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA
VIA
MOJI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	To Sail
TREMONT	3606	T. W. Gaskin	About Jan. 14.
LYRA	4417	G. V. Williams	About Feb. 9.
FLORIAN	3763	P. G. Furlong	About Mar. 4.

FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.
S.S. TREMONT, 3606 tons, Capt. T. W. Gaskin, About 3rd January.

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The Twin-screw a.s. *Shenmai* and *Tremont* have just been fitted with very superior
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QUEEN'S BUILDINGS,
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COMPANY, LIMITED.

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EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST
AUSTRALIAN, JAVA AND SUMATRA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PRINCE	4th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	WHARFMASTER	5th January.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	MOTINE	3rd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HYSON	17th January.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	HECTOR	20th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	PRINCE	31st January.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS VIA NAGASAKI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	PELUS	23th December.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 20, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NAGASAKI	CHIEFT	26th December.
SHANGHAI	WOOSUNG	26th December.
PORT DARWIN, THURS- DAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	CHINOTU	* 1 26th December.
MANILA	TEAN	27th December.
SHANGHAI	TAIWAN	28th December.
SHANGHAI	KARHING	28th December.

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* Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze & Northern China Ports.
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Stewardess carried.—All the most up-to-date arrange-
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CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	Dec. 31, at 10 a.m.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Redger	"	Jan. 7, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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General Managers.

Hongkong, December 24, 1904.

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF
STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT (or via CHEFOO or CHIN-WAN-TAO) to
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THE following Chartered Steamers will run at intervals of about 3 Weeks—

S.S. SWANLEY	...	Captain J. P. Dawson
S.S. COURTFIELD	...	" J. W. Martin
S.S. ORANBY	...	" W. E. Steele
S.S. IRABLY	...	" M. Hopkinson
S.S. ASCOT	...	" C. E. Cox
S.S. LOTHIAN	...	" J. G. Williamson
S.S. INKUM	...	" E. S. Pearce
S.S. SIRE	...	" J. Rowley
S.S. SOPALA	...	" G. E. Shepherd
S.S. INDRAMANA	...	" R. P. Gray
S.S. INDRAMANA	...	" J. Collier
S.S. SBALDA	...	" Geo. Brown

For Freight, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1904.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TOJANAS	JAPAN	First half January	JAVA PORTS	Second half January
TOJATJAP	JAVA	First half January	JAPAN, via SHANGHAI	First half January
TOJAMHI	JAPAN	Second half December	JAVA PORTS	Second half December

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accom-
modation for a half number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports
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For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the
HEAD AGENCY,
Java-China-Japan Lijn,
ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS,
TELEPHONE No. 278,
Hongkong, December 7, 1904.

Shipping.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND
RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship
PALAMOOTTA,
Captain GARLAND, will be despatched as
above on TUESDAY, the 27th inst., at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 19, 1904. 2293

MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BA-
TAVIA, COLOMBO, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MAR-
SEILLES, LONDON,
HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN, AND
BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship
TONKIN,
Captain SCHMITZ, will be despatched for
MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 27th
December, at 1 p.m.

Passage Tickets and through Bills of
Lading issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in
Europe.

Next Sailings will be as follows:—
S.S. DUMBEA, January 10, 1905.
S.S. AUSTRALIE, January 24, 1905.
S.S. SALAZIE, February 7, 1905.

L. BRIDOU,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 21, 1904. 2246

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
GREGORY APCAR,
Captain J. G. LUTHER, will be despatched
for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the
28th inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, December 22, 1904. 2290

AUSTRIAN
NAVIGATION
COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
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SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUERZ
AND PORT SAID.

(Taking cargo at through rates to the
BRAZIL, to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN
GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT,
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OSIELA,
Captain DIMITROVICH, will be despatched
as above on THURSDAY, the 29th inst.,
p.m.

This Steamer has capital accommodation
for Passengers, Electric Light and carries
a Doctor.

For information as to Passage & Freight,
apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents,
Prince's Building.

Hongkong, December 1, 1904. 2165

* BEN "LINE OF STEAMSHIPS,
FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship
BENLOMOND,
Captain CLARK, will be despatched as
above on or about the 10th January, 1905.

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Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1904. 2237

FOR NEW YORK.

THE Steamship
SENECA,
will sail for New York from Hongkong on
or about 15th January, 1905.

For Freight and further information,
apply to
STANDARD OIL COMPANY
OF NEW YORK
Oriental Freight Department.

Hongkong, December 12, 1904. 2236

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S. S. WING CHAI,
CAPTAIN T. AUSTIN, R.N.R.

THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong
on Week Days at 9 a.m.; and on
Sundays at 9.30 a.m. Departs from Macao
on Week Days at 2.30 p.m.; and on Sun-
days at 6.30 p.m.

Fares:—Week Days 1st Class, including
cabin and servant, Single 60; Return
Ticket 90; 2nd class 30; 3rd class 20.
Every Sunday will be an Excursion at the
following rates:—1st and 2nd Class Single
Ticket 10; Return 20; 3rd Class Single
Ticket 5; Return 10; 3rd Class, Single
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Time and Dinner can be supplied either
on board, or at the Macao Hotel, for return-
ing Passengers only. A 1st class change of
\$2. On Sundays, Passengers desiring to have
a Private Cabin which has accommodation
for two or more passengers, will be charged
\$3.00 extra.

First-class Passengers who do not care
to swim on the Excursion Sunday, will be
allowed to do so on the following day (Mon-
day) on production of the Return Half
Ticket. Should the Steamer not run on the
Monday, owing to the Boiler Cleaning, due
notice will be given by the Captain, and the
Half Ticket will be available for the follow-
ing day. The Ship is lit throughout by
Electricity.

The Steamer's Wharf at Hongkong is at
the Western end of Wing Lok Street.
MING ON & CO.,
2nd Floor, 15, Victoria Street.

Hongkong, December 7, 1904. 1950

Shipping.

STEAM FOR
INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITER-
RANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATA-
VIA, PERSIAN GULF, CON-
TINENTAL, AMERICAN AND
SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship BENGAL, Captain
G. PHILLIPS, carrying His Ma-
jesty's Mails, will be despatched from
this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the
31st December, at Noon, taking Passen-
gers and Cargo for the above Ports in con-
nection with the Company's a.s. Victoria,
6,832 tons, from Colombo. Passengers ac-
commodation in which vessel is secured
before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France
and Pen for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into the mail
steamer proceeding thence to Marseilles and
London; other cargo for London, &c., will
be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S.
Oriental, due in London on the 12th
February, 1905.

Parcels will be received at this Office
until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. To
contents and value of all packages are
required.

For further Particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 17, 1904. 2264

REGULAR
STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW
YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

STEAMERS	To SAIL	1904.
SHIMOSA	About Dec. 30.	1905.
GHAAZE	About Jan. 26.	1905.
SATSUMA	About Feb. 5.	1905.

* Via Malabar Coast.

For Freight and further information,
Apply to
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1904. 110

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

S.S.	To SAIL	About
S.S. EAS ISSA	20th Jan., 1905.	
S.S. CLAYDALE	30th Jan., 1905.	

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1904. 1970

STEAM TO CANTON.

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KWONG CHONG,
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Leave HONGKONG for CANTON at 9
Every Evening (Saturday excepted).
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Passengers and are lit throughout by
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Passage Fare—Single Journey, \$4.00
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SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.,
AND
YUEN ON S.S. CO., LTD.,
No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
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